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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (SALT TWO-1642)

REF: A. SALT TWO-1606 B. SALT TWO-1587

1. SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY TABLED REVISED PROPOSAL FOR THIRD SECTION OF JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (REFTEL A) THAT, INTER ALIA, CALLS FOR FURTHER REDUCTION IN AGGREGATE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES AND REDUCTION OF THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF DELIVERY VEHICLES COUNTED WITHIN THE 1320 LEVEL FOR DELIVERY VEHICLES.
2. IN LIGHT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL AND RECENT NEGOTIATING HISTORY AND DISCUSSION, DELEGATION BELIEVES THIRD SECTION OF JOINT STATEMENT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A MORE GENERAL APPROACH THAT WOULD PRECIPITATE MOVEMENT TOWARD AGREEMENT ON OBJECTIVES AND MAKE CLEAR AREAS OF DIFFERENCES NOT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED IN AGREED LANGUAGE.
3. ACCORDINGLY, DELEGATION RECOMMENDS APPROACH THAT WOULD  
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ADDRESS SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

- A. SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS BELOW AGREED AGGREGATE LEVELS IN THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF (1) STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS; (2) LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, AND (3) LAUNCHERS OF MIRVED ICBMS.

B. REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS OF HEAVY ICBMS.

C. FURTHER MEASURES FOR QUALITATIVE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, INCLUDING (1) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW ICBMS, AND ON MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING ICBMS; (2) RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF FLIGHT TESTS/LAUNCHES (REFTEL B) OF ICBMS (SEE PARA 5 BELOW); AND (3) FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON STRATEGIC DEFENSES, INCLUDING AIR DEFENSES AND CIVIL DEFENSES.

4. THIS APPROACH WILL EXPEDITE OBTAINING EITHER AGREEMENT ON THESE SPECIFIC GOALS OR DEVELOPMENT OF MORE GENERAL LANGUAGE WHERE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO DO SO. IN ANY EVENT, THOSE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES NOT AGREED CAN BE INCORPORATED IN A SUBSEQUENT DECLARATION BY THE U.S.

5. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, DELEGATION ALSO BELIEVES CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO:

A. PROPOSING A LIMITATION ON THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF REENTRY VEHICLES ON ICBMS. (NOTE THAT SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED LIMITATIONS ON AGGREGATE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES);

B. SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN AGGREGATE LAUNCH WEIGHT  
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AND THROW WEIGHT OF ICBMS (POSSIBLY SUBLIMIT ON AGGREGATE ICBM MIRV THROW-WEIGHT);

C. DROPPING SLBM FLIGHT-TEST RESTRICTIONS.

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